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ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE MANAGEMENT, INC.,
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Defendant

Civil Action No.:

COMPLAINT AND DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

(Unlawful Debt Collection Practices)

COMPLAINT

TRACEY LEWIS ("Plaintiff"), by her attorneys, KIMMEL & SILVERMAN, P.C., alleges the following against ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE MANAGEMENT, INC. ("Defendant"):

INTRODUCTION

1. Plaintiff's Complaint is based on the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1692 et seq. ("FDCPA").

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

2. Jurisdiction of this court arises pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(d), which states that such actions may be brought and heard before "any appropriate United States district court without regard to the amount in controversy," and 28 U.S.C. § 1367 grants this court supplemental jurisdiction over the state claims contained therein.

- 3. Defendant conducts business in the State of Pennsylvania and therefore, personal jurisdiction is established.
 - 4. Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)(1).
- 5. Declaratory relief is available pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 2201 and 2202.

PARTIES

- 6. Plaintiff is a natural person residing in Wyncote, Pennsylvania.
- 7. Plaintiff is a "consumer" as that term is defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(3).
- 8. Defendant is a national debt collection company with corporate headquarters located at 155 Mid Atlantic Parkway in Thorofare, New Jersey, 08086.
- 9. Defendant is a debt collector as that term is defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(6), and sought to collect a consumer debt from Plaintiff.
- 10. Defendant acted through its agents, employees, officers, members, directors, heirs, successors, assigns, principals, trustees, sureties, subrogees, representatives, and insurers.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- 11. Beginning in November 2009, Defendant constantly and continuously placed harassing and abusive collection calls to Plaintiff seeking and demanding payment for an alleged consumer debt.
- 12. The alleged debt at issue arose out of transactions which were primarily for personal, family, or household purposes.

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- 13. Defendant placed repeated calls to Plaintiff's home telephone between November 2009, and January 2010. See Exhibit A, Plaintiff's phone records.
- 14. In November 2009, Defendant contacted Plaintiff on her home telephone on November 10, 2009; November 11, 2009; and November 18, 2009. See Exhibit A, Plaintiff's phone records.
- 15. In December 2009, Defendant contacted Plaintiff three (3) times on December 9, 2009. See Exhibit A, Plaintiff's phone records.
- 16. Then, in January 2010, Defendant contacted Plaintiff on her home telephone on January 10, 2010, six (6) times; and January 11, 2010, three (3) times. See Exhibit A, Plaintiff's phone records.
- 17. The frequency of Defendant's calls to Plaintiff caused Plaintiff to answer the phone on several occasions in an attempt to put a stop to the telephone calls. See Exhibit A, Plaintiff's phone records.
- 18. The repetitive calls to Plaintiff were disturbing and harassing and made Plaintiff feel wary each time the telephone would ring.

CONSTRUCTION OF APPLICABLE LAW

19. The FDCPA is a strict liability statute. <u>Taylor v. Perrin, Landry, deLaunay & Durand</u>, 103 F.3d 1232 (5th Cir. 1997). "Because the Act imposes strict liability, a consumer need not show intentional conduct by the debt collector to be entitled to damages." <u>Russell v. Equifax A.R.S.</u>, 74 F. 3d 30 (2d Cir. 1996); see also Gearing v. Check Brokerage Corp., 233 F.3d 469 (7th Cir. 2000) (holding unintentional misrepresentation of debt collector's legal status violated FDCPA); Clomon v. Jackson, 988 F. 2d 1314 (2d Cir. 1993).

FDCPA in one or more of the following ways:

- 20. The FDCPA is a remedial statute, and therefore must be construed liberally in favor of the debtor. Sprinkle v. SB&C Ltd., 472 F. Supp. 2d 1235 (W.D. Wash. 2006). The remedial nature of the FDCPA requires that courts interpret it liberally. Clark v. Capital Credit & Collection Services, Inc., 460 F. 3d 1162 (9th Cir. 2006). "Because the FDCPA, like the Truth in Lending Act (TILA) 15 U.S.C §1601 et seq., is a remedial statute, it should be construed liberally in favor of the consumer." Johnson v. Riddle, 305 F. 3d 1107 (10th Cir. 2002).
- 21. The FDCPA is to be interpreted in accordance with the "least sophisticated" consumer standard. See Jeter v. Credit Bureau, Inc., 760 F.2d 1168 (11th Cir. 1985); Graziano v. Harrison, 950 F. 2d 107 (3rd Cir. 1991); Swanson v. Southern Oregon Credit Service, Inc., 869 F.2d 1222 (9th Cir. 1988). The FDCPA was not "made for the protection of experts, but for the public that vast multitude which includes the ignorant, the unthinking, and the credulous, and the fact that a false statement may be obviously false to those who are trained and experienced does not change its character, nor take away its power to deceive others less experienced." Id. The least sophisticated consumer standard serves a dual purpose in that it ensures protection of all consumers, even naive and trusting, against deceptive collection practices, and protects collectors against liability for bizarre or idiosyncratic interpretations of collection notices. Clomon, 988 F. 2d at 1318.

COUNT I DEFENDANT VIOLATED THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES

20. In its actions to collect a disputed debt, Defendant violated the

ACT

- a. Harassing, oppressing or abusing Plaintiff in connection with the collection of a debt, by calling Plaintiff repeatedly on her home telephone number, in violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1692d.
- b. Causing Plaintiff's telephone to ring repeatedly or continuously with intent to annoy, abuse, or harass her, in violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1692d(5).
- c. Using unfair or unconscionable means to collect or attempt to collect any debt, in violation of 15 U.S.C. §1692f.
- d. By acting in an otherwise deceptive, unfair and unconscionable manner and failing to comply with the FDCPA.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, TRACEY LEWIS, respectfully prays for a judgment as follows:

- a. All actual compensatory damages suffered pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a)(1);
- b. Statutory damages of \$1,000.00 for each violation of the FDCPA pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a)(2)(A);
- All reasonable attorneys' fees, witness fees, court costs and other litigation costs incurred by Plaintiff pursuant to 15 U.S.C.

 § 1693k(a)(3); and
- d. Any other relief deemed appropriate by this Honorable Court.

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Plaintiff, TRACEY LEWIS, demands a jury trial in this case.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

DATED: May 13, 2010 KIMMEL & SILVERMAN, P.C..

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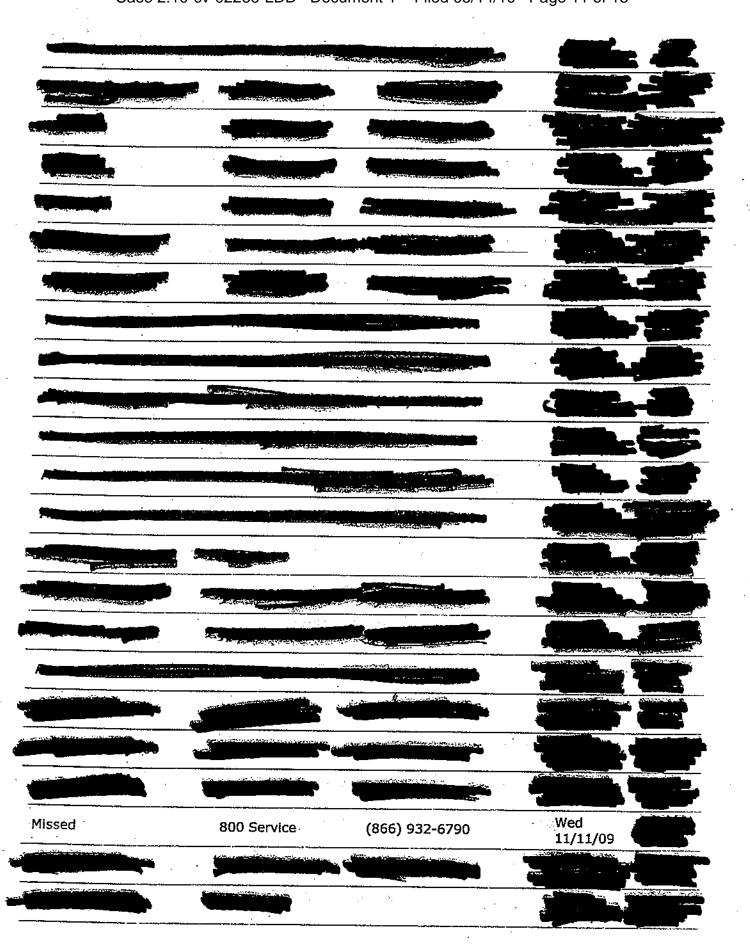
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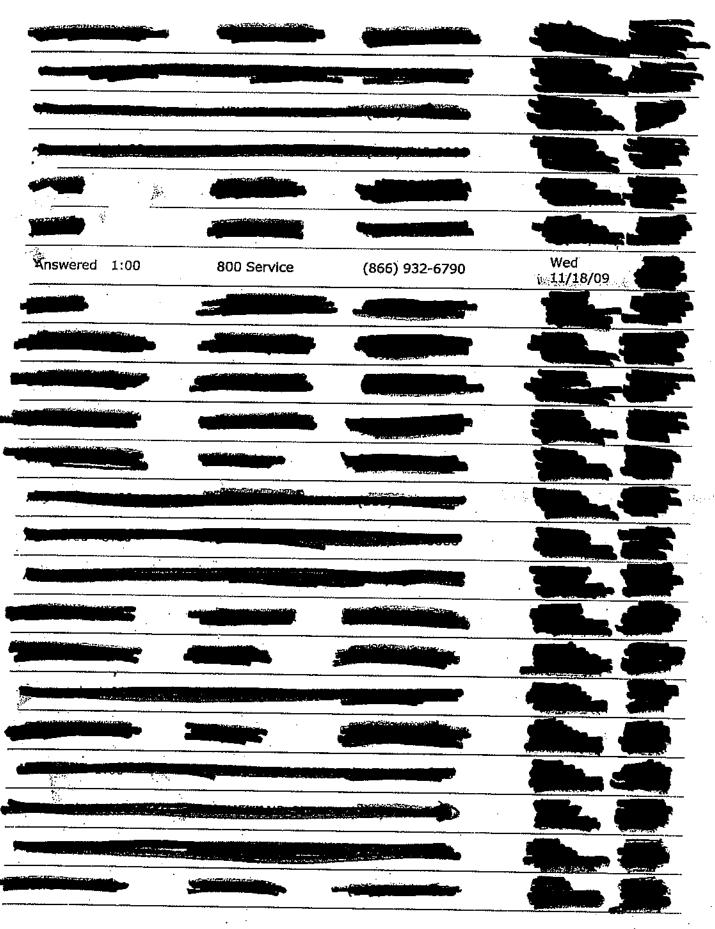
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